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 USING BLOCK ERROR DIFFUSION HALFTONING

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TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$88	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$300	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$430.00	3RD MONTH \$980.00	4TH MONTH \$1530.00		\$ 0
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Respectfully submitted,

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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